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## FACING THE FACTS

With PHILIP PEARL

We listened with great interest to John F. Tamm's "Labor for Victory" in which he placed responsibility for the war on the shoulders of the labor movement. He said that the labor movement had been the cause of the war, and that it was the labor movement that had caused the war.

There is more than a grain of truth in the veteran labor leader's contention. And there is more to be said about the labor movement's role in the war. The labor movement has been the cause of the war, and it is the labor movement that has caused the war.

And there, think, is the key to the whole puzzle. Instead of creating more international labor problems, the labor movement should be creating more international labor problems. The labor movement should be creating more international labor problems.

We think the public should understand that most disputes that lead to strikes these days do not involve quarrels between management and labor. On the contrary, management and labor are more frequently in agreement than at any time in the past.

These agencies, from the Office of War Mobilization down, are trying to operate on the theory that wages can be raised at the rate of living. It is permitted to go up, that is, that wages can be raised at the rate of living.

Therefore, we assert that the basic cause for strikes in wartime America is the disagreement of the labor movement. The labor movement is the cause of the war, and it is the labor movement that has caused the war.

Had the nation's wartime economy been soundly and justly administered, had prices been kept in check, had the war been fought to justification and no demand for higher wages.

This is no idle speculation. It is a fact that the war has been fought to justification and no demand for higher wages. The war has been fought to justification and no demand for higher wages.

The pressure of increasing living costs is bad enough. But when workers seek relief what do they find? Under the so-called stabilization program, their employers, who recognize the facts and are able to pay higher wages because of increased productivity, are not permitted to do so.

We still think that strikes under any circumstances are indefensible in wartime. But when workers are driven to strike under such conditions, the blame should be put where it belongs—on the Government.

## ILU to Probe Post-War Policy

Montreal.—An agenda of seven points has been prepared for the ILU conference to be held beginning April 20, at Philadelphia, headquarters of the ILU. The agenda includes a study of the first ILU conference since 1941.

The principal items in the agenda will be: Recommendations to the United Nations for present and post-war social policy; and a study of the program and status of the ILU.

"The conference," says the agenda, "should be able to proceed immediately to a general examination of social policy and the ILU's role in the post-war world. It should be able to proceed immediately to a general examination of social policy and the ILU's role in the post-war world.

## AFL Supports Senate Resolution To Keep Palestine Open To Jews

Washington, D. C.—President William Green announced the American Federation of Labor will give active support to the resolution introduced by Senator Charles McNary, D.-Or., for the United Nations to keep Palestine open to Jews.

"Palestine was designated as a homeland for the Jewish people during the first World War," Mr. Green said. "It was the duty of the United Nations to keep Palestine open to Jews."

"Unfortunately, the British Government has seen fit to change its former policy. It has refused to keep Palestine open to Jews."

## AFL UNIT AIDS FAMILIES OF BOLIVIAN TIN MINERS

New York City.—The Labor League for Human Rights, a New York City organization, has announced that it has received \$2,500 for relief of the families of Bolivian tin miners.

## Labor Draft Spells Segmentation of Labor

Not Efficiency, Green Says

Kansas City, Mo.—AFL President William Green announced proposals for a labor draft, which would be a draft of labor, not of men.

Using the remarkable war record of the members of this union as his basis, Mr. Green declared that war production is a process, not a thing. It is a process, not a thing. It is a process, not a thing.

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## Labor Hits Age-Freeze Caps; Finds Living Costs Up 43.5%

Up, Up and Up—The Price Record!

Washington, D. C.—The figures below show graphically the contrast between actual price increases found by labor and those reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The labor report made no independent analysis of the items listed as "miscellaneous" and "fuel," but accepted the BLS figures in these categories.

Group	Labor Report	BLS Index
Food	Up 74.2%	Up 40.2%
Clothing	Up 72.2%	Up 35.7%
Fuel	Up 15.9%	Up 5.0%
Rent	Up 8.6%	Up 8.6%
House Furnishings	Up 62.0%	Up 27.5%
Miscellaneous	Up 15.9%	Up 15.9%
All commodities	Up 43.5%	Up 23.4%

## AFL Vows Vengeance Against Japs

Washington, D. C.—Horried at the revelation of Jap atrocities against American war prisoners in the Philippines, the American Federation of Labor has vowed it will avenge the deaths and tortures suffered by the heroes of Bataan and Corregidor.

"The enemy's cruelty which the Japanese practiced upon our heroic soldiers of Bataan and Corregidor brings home to us more clearly than ever the true nature of the enemy," said the AFL spokesman.

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## Joint AFL-CIO Report Exposes Inadequacy of BLS Figures

Washington, D. C.—Labor war on the "Little Steel Formula" wage freeze was opened with a heavy barrage of facts and figures Friday by the AFL and CIO, showing that the cost of living had increased 43.5 per cent since Pearl Harbor.

This contention, which the "highly conservative" directly challenged the findings of the Bureau of Labor Statistics that living costs have risen only 23.4 per cent in that period.

In a 78-page mimeographed report to the Presidential Commission Investigating the Inflation Problem, the AFL-CIO report said that the cost of living had increased 43.5 per cent since Pearl Harbor.

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